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MEMORANDUM

To: School Health & Nutrition Program Sponsors

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RE: HACCP and Food Safety Questions and Answers

The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 resulted in two food safety provisions:

- 1) all LEAs are required to have **two food safety inspections** per year and
- 2) all LEAs are required to **implement a food safety program** based on the process approach to Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) principles.

Due to the numerous questions, Q&A on these provisions is now available from USDA. The Q&A is available for you to review or download at www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Guidance/.

For additional assistance with developing your food safety program, please review the guidance USDA issued on June 10, 2005 titled *Guidance for School Food Authorities: Developing a School Food Safety Program Based on the Process Approach to HACCP Principles*. **If you do not have a copy of this guidance, it is available on the NSLP/SBP website under "What's New" at:** www.ade.az.gov/health-safety/cnp/nslp/newmandate.asp.

You are also encouraged to attend ADE's Phase 2 training, "The New HACCP Requirements: Implementing Your School Food Safety Program" this fall. For more information on this session please visit the NSLP/SBP website listed above. Registration for the training is to be completed online at www.ade.az.gov/online/registration.

For questions concerning this memo, please contact your assigned program specialist at 602-542-8700.